

Honourary Lt Col William Andrew (Bill) Dow CD (1925-2005)



Bill was born in Regina, grew up in Winnipeg and received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Civil) from the University of Manitoba. He served overseas with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles during the Second World War.

Bill was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1950 and subsequently served with Engineer Militia units in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto prior to his promotion to Major and appointment as Officer Commanding 6th Field Squadron RCE in North Vancouver in 1960.

In 1964 he was appointed Second in Command of 7th Field Engineer Regiment RCE, Vancouver. In 1972 he was appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 6 Field Engineer Squadron and held this appointment until his death. He formed the 6 Field Museum Association and oversaw the creation of its organization and facilities.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dow was active in many community and national associations. In 2002 he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his significant contribution to Canada. Well respected and admired within the business community in Vancouver, Bill was also the Costa Rican Consulate in Vancouver for many years. He was National President of the Military Engineering Association of Canada and National Chairman of the Conference of Defence Associations. He was also Secretary of the Royal United Services Institute, a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and a Trustee of the Corps of Commissionaires.